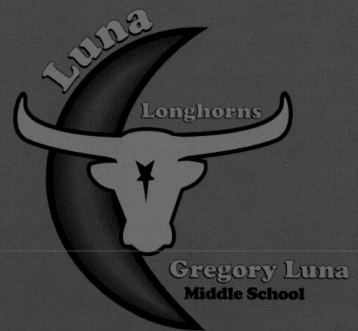


A black and white portrait of a man with a mustache, wearing a suit and a patterned tie, smiling. The portrait is positioned on the left side of the page, partially overlapping the title text.

# Once in a Blue Luna

The Official Dedication of  
Gregory Luna Middle School

Northside Independent School District



## The School



Gregory Luna Middle School was built at a cost of \$20.5 million. The school is built to accommodate 800 students in 48 regular and special purpose classrooms.

Luna, an 188,800 square-foot facility on a shared 46-acre site, was designed to provide the most functional and attractive instructional environment for the children and teachers. A state-of-the-art facility, the school has the latest in computer technology, a video distribution system that includes an in-house media distribution system (Luna-TV), mounted monitors, and telephones in all classrooms.

Luna Middle School is the only middle school funded by the 2001 bond issue.

Garza/Bomberger and Associates designed this neighborhood school. Joeris General Contractor served as contractor.

## Senator Gregory Luna



Northside's 14th middle school bears the name of a "Champion of Texas Education," a man with strong roots in and love for the city of San Antonio and its people.

Born the youngest of 17 children, Gregory Luna attended Brackenridge Elementary School, Lanier Junior High School and Lanier High School. After high school graduation and attending classes at San Antonio College, Luna enlisted in the U.S. Army. He later joined the San Antonio Police Department and attended night classes to earn a bachelor's degree in Math and his law degree from St. Mary's University.

He began his law career as a San Antonio City Prosecutor and then went into private practice in 1968. He got his start in politics by campaigning for Pete Torres in his run for City Councilman in 1967. Luna ran for several positions before becoming a State Representative in 1984. He remained in that position until 1992 when he became a State Senator.

Luna made his mark on education from the first day that he walked into the State Capitol. He became known as a "Champion of Texas Education" because he was so focused on providing legislative support for Texas public schools and Texas school children of all ages.

During his first term in the Senate, he won authorization for \$20 million in construction bonds for the University of Texas at San Antonio's long-sought Downtown Campus. He served on the Senate standing committees on Education, State Affairs and Jurisprudence. He also served on the Conference

Committee on SB7 dealing with education finance and the Select Committee on Judicial Reform. In 1997, Luna chaired the Senate Hispanic Caucus, led the opposition to private school vouchers paid for with public tax money, and served on the conference committee on HB4 dealing with school property taxation.

He is one of the founders of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). Over the years, he has received numerous awards and recognitions including the Matt Garcia Public Service Award for his "outstanding leadership and service to the community" by MALDEF, the Lifetime Achievement Award from UTSA Hispanic Research Center, the 1987 Mexican-American Bar Association award for outstanding legal contributions, the 1991 MABA Outstanding Legislator Award, and the 1998 ERNIE Award from the Avenida Guadalupe Association. In 2004, he received the Henry B. Gonzalez award from the St. Mary's Hispanic Alumni Association and the Champion of Civil Rights award from AARP and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

He married Helen Garcia in 1955, and they had four children: Leticia Ann, Delores, Gerard and Gregory Val, and five grandchildren. All four Luna children attended Northside schools and graduated from Holmes High School.



# Program

## Welcome

Molly James, 8th grade

## Flag Ceremony and Pledge

Luna MS Girl and Boy Scouts

## "America, The Beautiful"

The Lyrical Longhorns

## Invocation

Monsignor Terry Nolan  
Archdiocese of San Antonio

## Introduction and Remarks

John M. Folks, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

## Message from the Board

Robert (Bobby) Blount,  
President  
NISD Board of Trustees

## Greetings

Lynn Pierson, Principal

## Special Tribute to Gregory Luna

"Once in a Blue Luna"

## Video Tribute

## Honored Guests

The Luna Family

## Closing Remarks

Brock Horton, Vice Principal

Reception immediately  
following in the Commons  
Area. Entertainment provided  
by Sonido de San Antonio

To purchase a copy of today's  
dedication ceremony (event  
and tribute) video, contact the  
school. Cost is \$5 per video.

# School Song

## Luna Rap

Written by Martha Jane McCown

### Chorus:

Luna -  
\*Longhorn Pride....  
Never, Never Dies  
Luna Longhorns,  
Luna -  
\*Longhorn Pride....  
Never, Never Dies  
Luna Longhorns

Let me tell why school is  
oh so cool,  
First you gotta know, Yo!  
We're in Middle School

We're coming together  
Unified is better  
We gotta get tight  
Don't wanna breakup a  
fight

Different walks of life  
Different cultures -  
different spice  
Yabbdy, Dabbidy Doo  
It's a great tastin' stew!

We're the Texas  
Longhorns  
The Luna Longhorns  
So let me hear you say it  
We got slammin' school  
spirit

### Chorus

We're rough, we're  
tough,  
Horns as sharp and as  
long as a buck  
Our skin is as thick as a  
Rubbidy, Dubbdy Duck

We're the Luna  
Longhorns with pride  
that never dies  
So ...don't even be  
thinkin' bout dissin' us;  
with your Lies!

We ain't no bull riding  
cow pattie fool  
We're certainly no steer  
Have I made that quite  
clear

We're the Texas  
Longhorns  
The Luna Longhorns  
So let me hear you say it  
We got slammin' school  
spirit

### Chorus



**Northside  
Independent  
School  
District**

## Luna Middle School Staff

Veronica Alexander  
Maria Alvarado  
Gabriela Arce  
Martin Arevalo  
Virginia Beinhauer  
Iris Binder  
Veronica Bordano  
Kristen Brown  
Susan Buckley  
Catherine Callihan  
Tracie Camp  
Kathleen Carnes  
Mary Chambers  
Candice Chapman  
Edith Chenault  
Corey Christiansen  
Shana Cobbs  
Suzette Cochran-Lay  
Amanda Davis

Steven De Leon  
Ulivia Delgado  
Diana Diaz  
John Driscoll  
Teresa Duarte  
Norma Esquivel  
Frances Fabian  
Jennifer Fler  
Susan Fisher  
Manuel Flores  
Heather Ford  
Robert Gamez  
Anissa Garcia  
Sonia Garcia  
Timothy Gardner  
Enrique Garza  
Laura Garza  
Sue Gerecke  
Stephanie Gilbert

Dario Gonzalez  
Renee Gonzalez  
Sandra Gonzalez  
Diane Gracia  
Gloria Gutierrez  
Arcilia Heart  
Rebecca Henry  
Conrad Hernandez  
Jennifer Hernandez  
Mary Ann Hernandez  
Brock Horton  
Lola Hutcheson  
Suhgey Ibarra  
Wilma James  
Melodye Jensen  
David Johnston  
Erica Kauphusman  
Andrea King  
Lisa King

Rick Lane  
Jennifer Langford  
Yolanda Lara  
Ralph Lay  
Paula LeBleu-Frantzen  
Barbara Lebron  
Patricia Lenton  
Susan Lockamy  
Mark Lopez  
Matthew Lopez  
Jose Luna  
Luis Macias  
Analisa Madrid  
Martha McCown  
Kory McKeighan  
Yvonne Mendoza  
Maria Merino  
Jacqueline Moehle  
Milagros Montalvo

Kamilah Myrie  
Jessica Osorio  
Renee Paschall  
Patti Pelayo  
Tina Phipps  
Ann Pierson  
Socorro Quiñonez  
Shawn Radcliff  
Stephen Regules  
Amy Rhinehart  
Melisa Richard  
Susanna Richards  
Donna Rocha  
Kevin Russell  
Bertha Salazar  
Ester Salazar  
Samuel Salazar  
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Stephanie Sanchez

Kellie Sears  
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Andrea Smith  
Cathy Soles  
Eulalio Sotelo  
Deborah Spears  
Jianhong Su  
Tracy Tregenza  
Erlinda Trevino  
Christina Tyler  
Teresa Vega  
Michael Vrzalik  
Carey Walls  
Larry Washington  
Christina Wollard  
Margaret Ytuarte

## Dedication Committee

Kevin Russell	Analisa Madrid	Conrad Hernandez
Robert Gamez	Laura Garza	Andrea King
Martha McCown	Kamilah Myrie	Renee Gonzalez
Kate Henry	Suzi Lockamy	Jennifer Hernandez
Tim Gardner	Lola Hutcheson	Ginny Blenhauer
Tina Tyler	Sandy Gonzalez	Heather Ford
Kathy Carnes	Kellie Sears	Renee Paschall
Paula LeBleu	Susan Buckley	Diane Gracia
Socorro Quiñonez	Christina Wollard	Sue Richards
Jennifer Langford	Corey Christiansen	Brock Horton
Jennifer Fier	Terrie Duarte	

## Student Greeters

Brittany Tijerina	Danielle Gatian	Luna MS Student Council
Shelly Lee	Morgan Hines	members
Jillian Sweeney	Kelsey Scott	H.O.S.A. students from
Alex Hulin		Health Careers HS

## Student Designers

Decorations - 7th & 8th Grade Spanish Students  
Art Projects - 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Art Students

## Student Performers

Alex France	Jared Gallegos	Patrick Manger
Andrew Balderas	Kim Bernhardt	Rebecca Perry
Audrey Hood	Kim Cross	Ryan Reyes
Brittany Menard	Krystal Young	Sammi Searle
CC Torres	Michale Stanage	Sarah Bennette
Dora Garza	Miranda Rodriguez	Stephanie Lopez
Emerale Contreas	Mally James	Tanisha Palmer
Greg Carbaugh	Nathan Esparza	Victoria Collier
Hayley Byrd	Olivia Gracia	Rick Viemann

## PTA Officers

President - Albert Escobedo  
1st Vice President - Tracie Camp  
2nd Vice President - Kenneth Q. Robinson  
3rd Vice President - Debra Valverde  
Secretary - Karen Robinson  
Treasurer - Loretta Moss  
Parliamentarian - Kathleen Alexander

## “America the Beautiful” Choir

Arranged by Joyce Ellers

Denise Bonapart	Amanda Ozuna
Natashia Holland	Mercedes Powell
Octivia Jacobs	Tiffany Scott
Shella Lane	Alexis Thorton
Jennifer Lloyd	Clara Torres
Kaitlynn Muñoz	Jennifer Turner
Lauren Orosco	Alexandria Lawton

## “Luna Rap” Dancer/Singers

Written by Martha Jane McCown

Hamed Adames	Deziree Mauricio
D.J. Bradley	DaNesha McCray
Ariel Calderon	Ronjee Middleton
Brittney Council	Lauren Orosco
April Hamilton	Tiffany Scott
Octivia Jacobs	Noel Smith
Alexis Johnson	Clara Torres
Veronica Llano	Jennifer Turner
Elise Lopez	

## Boy Scout Troops 911 & 252

Wally Steins	Paul Sather
Cameron Dubose	Dillon Sather
Adam Steins	Andrew White
Nicholas Grabner	

## Mariachi Sonido de San Antonio

Joe Zapata	Laura Alvarado	Kathy Garcia
Teri Zapata	Jason Casanova	Albert Torres
Monica Zapata	Fred Hernandez	
Dina Gonzales	Daniel Mendoza	

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## We Wish to Thank...

Helen L. Luna	NISD Maintenance & Operations Dept.
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Martha Jane McCown - Guitar Player	H.O.S.A. student service group, Health
Boy Scout Troops 911 & 252	Careers HS
Girl Scout Troops 1277 & 851	
Wally Steins	
NISD Communications Dept.	And a special thank you to the students,
NISD Facilities & Operations Dept.	staff and community of Gregory Luna
NISD Food Service Dept.	Middle School for a successful dedication.

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